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**SIGNED COVERS**

1975 Goodwood Air Show cover, signed by Douglas Bader, Johnnie Johnson, Dennis David, Frank Carey, Ludwik Martel, Alec Ingle, John Booth and one other. We guess they are all Battle of Britain pilots.

**RYB008E** £300

**£75 per month for 4 months**

1973 30th Anniversary of the Battle of Britain cover, signed by pilots Alan Deere, Bertie Wootten and Desmond Sheen. Supplied with an original typed letter from Rembrandt Philatelics saying these 300 specials were done by Group Captain Randle

**RYB008G** £75

1980 Battle of Britain 40th anniversary cover, signed by Bob Stanford Tuck, Douglas Bader, Johnnie Johnson, John Cunningham and James Lacey. A great group of signatures and one of the last chances to get them all together.

**OFFER £250**

1971 RAF Fylingdales cover, signed by Sir Arthur Harris and General Josef Kammhuber (who set up the German Night Fighters). This is a Rossbach cover, so details are printed on the back in German and two extra photographs inside. No 16 of only 21 covers.

**£30 per month for 5 months**


**RYD019D** £75


**RYD003N** £150

1998 Opening of the Battle of Britain Suite at the Royal Star and Garter Home, signed by at least 20 Battle of Britain pilots. The covers do have a list inside, but this will need checking.

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**RYD030 £225** General Karl Donitz, signed 1943 Occupied Nations FDC, commander of the German Navy and after the death of Hitler became Germany Head of State.

£45 per month for 5 months

**RYD004M £300**

1978 American Commercial Aviation Cover, signed by **Chuck Yeager** (the first man to break the speed of sound), **Jimmy Doolittle** 1986 - 1993 (led the famous raid on Japan) and **Bill Dana** 1930 - 2014, Test pilot who flew the X-15 and helped with development for the space shuttle.

**RYM006D £200**

Mountbatten of Burma, signed letter of thanks written while on his Honeymoon in Paris on 31st July 1922. Sent to Petty Officer Shrives and is supplied with the original envelope, mentions he has heard from ‘old Flotilla Mates’.

£50 per month for 4 months

**RJM006D £200**

Page taken from an autograph book signed by wartime leaders **Lord Hugh Dowding** (1882 - 1970) and **Viscount Portal of Hungerford**. Lord Dowding was in charge of Fighter Command during the Battle of Britain and Viscount Portal Bomber Command. Two very rare and connected signatures together.

£150 per month for 10 months

**RYD032A £100**


£45

**RYK002 £100**

1994 Isle of Man 50th Anniversary of D-Day, signed by six men who were there and have added their role, Beachmaster **Edward Gueritz**, **Piper Bill Millin**, **Peter Ayerst**, General **John Mogg**, **Bill Reid VC** and **Charles Widdows**.

£50 per month for 4 months

**RJK002 £100**

1998 Cover marking the opening of the Battle of Britain Suite at the Star and Garter Home, signed by the **Duke of Kent** who officially opened it.

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**RYJ015K £45**

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**Hans Von Ohain** (1911 - 1998), German Inventor of the First Jet Engine. Signed insert card for the 40th Anniversary of the Jet Engine insert card. Not the unusual sort of thing we would offer, but this is a very rare signature and could be put with a Sir Frank Whittle.

**Sir Keith Park**, signed Combats in the Air report, from 1918 when he was commander of 48 Squadron, details a Fokker Biplane shot down by a Bristol Fighter while returning to base after a bombing raid. Sir Keith went on to organize the Dunkirk evacuation, the Defence of London during the Battle of Britain and the Defence of Malta.

**50th Anniversary of the Battle of Britain cover**, signed by fighter pilots **Peter Townsend** 1914 - 1995 (maybe better remembered for his relationship with Princess Margaret) **Trevor Gray** and **Alan Deere** 1917 - 1995.

**2000 Benham Guernsey 60th Anniversary of the Battle of Britain Medal cover** signed by **seven pilots**, who took part in the battle.

**1965 Battle of Britain cover**, signed by:
- **Peter Twiss** 1921 - 2011
  Test pilot and holder of the Air Speed Record
- **Paddy Barthropp** 1921 - 2008, BOB and Test pilot plus POW Escaper
- **Tony Iveson** 1919 - 2013, Fighter and Lancaster pilot, sunk the Tirpitz
- **Neville Duke** 1922 - 2007, Ace and Test pilot plus holder of the Air Speed Record

**1972 Farnborough Air Show Cover**, signed **Sir Frank Whittle** (British Inventor of the Jet Engine) and **Eric Warsitz** (German Jet Test pilot).

**OFFER £250**
40th Anniversary of the First Jet Flight cover, signed by the German Inventor **Hans Von Ohain** and the test pilot **Erich Warsitz**. As an extra bonus the insert card is also signed by **Ohain**.

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The first man to break the speed of sound

Tex Hill
(1915 - 2007) American World War II Ace

Chuck Lindberg
(1920 - 2007) Raised the American flag on Mount Suribachi

Hugo Broch
German Ace Pilot

Leonard Cheshire
(1917 - 1992) Winner of the Victoria Cross

Tom Sopwith (English aviation pioneer and yachtsman), Duncan Simpson (English test pilot), and Tony Theobald (cover artist) signed 1976 Tom Sopwith Historic Aviators cover.

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**Multi - Signed Special**

Unusual 1983 United Nations cover featuring Westminster Abbey, signed by:

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The final three were all U-Boat Commanders;

Eric Topp (1914 - 2005), Helmut Witte (1915 - 2005) and Hans Gunther Lange (1916 - 2014)
Jean Batten (New Zealand aviation pioneer and record breaker) and Tom Sopwith (English aviation pioneer and yachtsman) signed 1976 Jean Batten Historic Aviators cover.

Arthur Harris (Commander-in-Chief of Bomber Command) Hajo Herrmann (high ranking and influential member of the Luftwaffe) signed 1972 RAF Topcliffe cover.

General Karl Dönitz signed 1971 RAF Squadron 204 cover, masterminded the German submarine ‘wolf pack’ strategy and after the death of Hitler Dönitz was made Head of State and Supreme Commander of the German Armed Forces.

Bob Stanford-Tuck (29 aerial victories), Denis Smallwood (senior RAF commander), Bill Bedford (pioneered the V/STOL aircraft.), plus 3 signed 1973 RAF Squadron 605 cover.

Barnes Wallis, Bob Stanford-Tuck (29 aerial victories), and Neville Duke (most successful Western Allied ace in the Mediterranean Theatre with 27 kills) signed 1976 Historic Aviators Series cover.

Barnes Wallis signed 1976 Historic Aviators Series cover, best known for inventing the bouncing bomb.

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Barnes, Wallis and Air Commodore Robert Carter (Bomber Command) signed 1972 RAF Topcliffe cover.

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RYD032B £75
1994 Jersey 50th Anniversary of D-Day, signed by three people who took part, all have added what they did, Piper Bill Millin (Commando Brigade), Pat Portious VC (Sword Beach) and Harold Ervine Andrews VC (landed after D-Day). Lovely item.

RYA018C £450
£50 per month for 5 months
Charles Lindbergh (1902 - 1974), the first man to fly non-stop across the Atlantic from New York to Paris. Signed page from an autograph book with a coin stuck below, plus a newspaper cutting mentioning his visit to Liverpool and that very few people got his autograph. Supplied with two photographs one next to a plane the other full length in a flying suit. If required we could get these mounted for you at no extra cost.

RYC007I £450
£50 per month for 5 months
1980 Return to Colditz cover, signed by former inmates Pat Reid (1910 - 1990) one of the few to escape and make a home run, Dick Howe (1912 - 1981) was escape officer in the castle and Douglas Bader (1910 - 1982) serial escaper who ended up in Colditz plus the wife of Airey Neave, Lady Neave, he also made a home run and later took part in the Nuremberg Trials.

RYC009D £295
£59 per month for 5 months
Sir Alan Cobham (1894 - 1973), signed 1970 6th World Aerobatic Championships cover. A pilot during World War I, he is remembered as an aviation pioneer flying many long distance flights and working on aircraft design including inflight refuelling.

RYC009F £295
£59 per month for 5 months
His signature is also available on this 1971 RAF Sealand cover.

RYD004F £150
£30 per month for 5 months

RYD004I £150
£50 per month for 3 months
1972 50th Anniversary of the Kings Cup Air Race cover, signed by General Jimmy Doolittle (1896 - 1993) who won the 1925 race, but is best known for his raid on Japan. Plus German ace fighter pilot Kurt Buhligen (1917 - 1985) shot down 112 aircraft in 700 operations.

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1969 Biggin Hill Battle of Britain Anniversary cover, signed by **Neville Duke** (1922 - 2007) - Speed record holder in Hawker Hunter is shown on the cover  
**Roland Beamont** (1920 - 2001) - World War II fighter, and later, Test pilot  
**Bob Stanford-Tuck** (1916 - 1987) - World War II fighter Ace and later Test pilot  
**Bill Bedford** (1920 - 1996) - Test pilot, best known for the Harrier  
**Leonard Rochford** (1896 - 1986) - World War I ace, plus 8 signed 1969 RAF Biggin Hill  
**William Dickson** (1898 - 1987) - World War I member of RNAF and World War II Commander  
**Hugh Saunders** (1894 - 1987) - RAF Commander  
**Thomas Pike** (1906 - 1983) - World War II Night Fighter Commander and later Chief of Air Staff  
Plus three others

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1998 Achievements in Speed cover, limited edition of 25 signed by  
**Neville Duke** (1922 - 2007) - Speed record holder in Hawker Hunter is shown on the cover  
**Brian Trubshaw** (1924 - 2001) - WWII pilot and Chief Concorde Test pilot  
**Don Wales** - Current speed record holder and grandson of Malcolm Campbell  
**Wyn Owen** (1925 - 2012) - Restored the 1927 record breaking car ‘Babs’.  

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1981 Bomber Lancaster 617 Squadron cover, this is one of the Squadron Leader Eric Wormald covers, signed by  
**twenty two Post Dambuster raid Squadron members:**  
**Tom Bennett, Wilf Bickley, George Calder, Leonard Cheshire, Larry Curtis, Gerry Fawke, Basil Fish, Paddy Gingles, Mac Hamilton, Jack Harrison, Gerry Hobbs, Tony Iveson, Derry Kearsns, Bob Knights, Alex Mckie, Ray Poole, John Pryor, Ken Sumner, Willie Tait, Gerry Witherick and James Castagnola.**  
This is certified number 13 of 27 and when issued they were offered by invitation only and so are very rare.

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1979 40th Anniversary of the first jet flight cover, signed by German Jet pioneer **Hans Von Ohain** (1911 - 1998) and the German Test pilot **Erich Warsitz** (1906 - 1983).
Lord Hugh Dowding

1965 RAF Biggin Hill small Evening News special cover with the signature of Hugh Dowding (1882 - 1970) stuck to the front. Lord Dowding was commander of RAF Fighter Command during the Battle of Britain and his signature rarely turns up and this would be the closest you can get to him actually signing a cover.

RYD028E £1500

£250 per month for 6 months

Erich Hartman (1922 - 1993) - The most successful fighter pilot of all time with 352 victories from 1404 missions
Adolf Galland (1912 - 1996) - German Ace with 104 victories from 705 missions
Gerhard Barkhorn (1919 - 1983) - The second most successful fighter pilot with 301 victories from 705 missions
Karl Bodenschatz (1890 - 1975) - Adjutant to the Red Baron and later liaison officer between Goring and Hitler

RYG035X £350

£70 per month for 5 months

1972 RAF Colerne cover, signed by

John McCarthy and Terry Waite.

On the 19th November 1991 the Hostages Jackie Mann, John McCarthy and Terry Waite, returned to the United Kingdom, Group Captain Randle had covers on this historic flight. Available as a set of three these were later signed by John McCarthy and Terry Waite. Jackie Mann was too poorly and so his is a printed signature. Certified limited edition of 250 sets.

RYH007 £120

£40 per month for 3 months

1990 Tribute to SOE Agents cover, signed by

Odette Hallowes (1912 - 1995) - Operated in France and features in a film and on a stamp
Col Maurice Buckmaster (1902 - 1992) - Leader of the SOE in France
Sir Brooks Richards (1918 - 2002) - Director of Operations

RYH011B £350

£35 per month for 10 months

1990 50th Anniversary of the George Cross First Day Cover, signed by winners

Odette Hallowes (1912 - 1995) - World War II member of the Special Operations Executive
Harry Errington (1910 - 2004) - Rescued a colleague during the Blitz
Lieutenant Commander Horace Taylor (1908 - 1999) - Royal Navy Bomb Disposal

RYH011E £150

£75 per month for 2 months

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1997 RAF Fairford International Air Tattoo First Day Cover, flown and signed by the pilot and The Duke of Kent. The Duke is President of the RAF Benevolent Fund who originally issued the cover.

Reproduction black and white postcard size photograph, with the genuine signature of German Jet Designer Hans Von O’Hain (1911 - 1998).

1971 RAF Cosford cover, signed by Wernher Von Braun (1912 - 1977), the inventor of the V2 Rocket, who later went on to work with the Americans, working towards the Apollo program.

50th Anniversary of the Attack on Pearl Harbour signed by Nobo Fujita (1911 - 1977), the only Japanese pilot to bomb the US mainland in World War II. As you would expect he has signed in Japanese.

60th Anniversary of 230 Squadron signed by Sir Keith Park (1892 - 1975) A World War II Ace pilot and during World War II commander during the Battle of Britain and the Battle of Malta. He signed very few covers and this is the only time we have seen him on this one.
The Signatures All Collectors Should Have

Group Captain Randle was ‘the’ producer of RAF covers, producing thousands of covers, getting hundreds of signatures and most importantly raising thousands for charity. The problem is from the hundreds of signatures, which ones should you collect, and as 2018 marks the 50th Anniversary of his first cover, we thought now would be a good time to select the fifty signatures, we feel, every collection should have.

All these are offered on our choice of RAF cover, but if you particularly want the cover shown just let us know.

Mary Lindell OBE (1895 - 1986)

A British nurse who lived in France during World War II, she set up escape lines, and though she was captured and sentenced to death, she survived the war. Her story was made into the film Life Against the Wind in 1991.

Sir Frederick Alfred Laker (1922 - 2006)

Though best known as the founder of the first no-frills’ airline Laker Airways, he started in aviation much earlier with his first small fleet on cargo planes being used in the Berlin Airlift in 1948-9.

Brigadier Alastair Stevenson Pearson CB, DSO & Three Bars, OBE, MC, TD, DL (1915 - 1995)

One of the great military leaders of World War II, taking part in the Tunisian Campaign, the invasion of Sicily and Normandy Landings. All this was achieved even though he suffered from poor health and was also demoted after a very good night out.

David John Shannon, DSO & Bar, DFC & Bar (1922 - 1993)

An Australian bomber pilot best known as a pilot of AJ - L in the “Dambusters” raid on the night of 16/17 May 1943. In total he flew a total of 69 Bomber missions during World War II before being taken off active duties.

Sir Thomas Octave Murdoch Sopwith, CBE, Hon FRAeS (1888 - 1989)

In 1912 he set up Sopwith Aviation, supplying 18,000 Aircraft during World War I, by World War II he was Chairman of Harker Aircraft and remained connected with the company till 1980. He was also a great yachtsman taking part in the Americas Cup and with his boat the Dunkirk Evacuation in 1940.

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Group Captain Peter Townsend, CVO, DSO, DFC and Bar, RAF (1914 - 1995)

Battle of Britain Squadron Leader finishing World War II with nine victories. He was then Equerry to both King George VI and Queen Elizabeth II, but best known for his romance with Princess Margaret.

Group Captain James Brian “Willie” Tait DSO & Three Bars, DFC & Bar (1916 - 2007)

He took part in 101 missions during World War II including the one that finally sunk the German Battleship Tirpitz. Though recommended for a VC he was awarded a 3rd Bar to his DSO, a unique achievement.

Nancy Grace Augusta Wake AC, GM (1912-2011)

British Special Operations Executive agent during the latter part of World War II. She became a leading figure in the Maquis groups of the French Resistance and was one of the Allies’ most decorated servicewomen of the war. Henri Tardivant, the leader of Nancy’s Maquis unit. Famously remarked: “She [Wake] is the most feminine woman I know, until the fighting starts. And then she is like five men.”

Peter Twiss OBE DSC (1921 - 2011)

World War II fighter pilot, who later went on to be a Test pilot with Fairey aviation and in 1956 he set the World Air Speed record at 1132mph.

Sir Barnes Neville Wallis, CBE, FRS, RDI, FRAeS (1887 - 1979)

Engineer and inventor best known for inventing the bouncing bomb used in the Dambuster’s raid, which featured in the 1955 Film.

The Wooden Horse - Eric Williams MC and Oliver Philpot MC DFC

This was one of the most famous escape attempts of World War II where a vaulting Horse was used to get the entrance to a hidden closer to the fence and so freedom. The cover is signed by Eric Williams MC (1911 - 1983) and Oliver Philpot MC DFC (1913 - 1993) two of the three men to make home runs from this escape.

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Jean Gardner Batten CBE OSC
(1909 - 1982)

Record breaking female aviation pioneer. In the 1930’s she held many aviation flying records including England - Australia (breaking Amy Johnson’s record by four days) and back, plus England - Brazil. The war put an end to her flying and she became a recluse ‘The Greta Garbo of the Skies’.

Squadron Leader Neville
Frederick Duke DSO, OBE, DFC & Two Bars, AFC, FRAeS
(1922 - 2007)

One of our great pilots, during World War II he was the highest scoring Ace pilot in the Mediterranean with 27 Victories. He went on to be a Test pilot for Hawker and in 1953 set the World Speed Record of 727.63 mph, which made him one of the heroes of the Coronation year.

Wing Commander Roland Prosper ‘Bee’
Beamont CBE, DSO & Bar, DFC & Bar
(1920 - 2001)

World War II Ace pilot who took part in the Battle of France and Battle of Britain. Went on to be a Test pilot for Hawker, later shot down and taken prisoner. After the war he returned to testing and in 1952 he was the first pilot to double cross the Atlantic by Jet.

John “Cat’s Eyes” Cunningham CBE,
DSO**, DFC*
(1917 - 2002)

World War II ace pilot and nightfighter, given the nickname ‘Cat’s Eyes’ by the press, who were told to say his diet of carrots gave him great night vision, when in fact it was the Airborne Radar. Later went on to be Chief Test Pilot of the de Havilland Engine Company and in March 1948 he set the World Altitude record of 59,430 feet.

Group Captain Frank
Reginald “Chota” Carey CBE,
DFC & Two Bars, AFC, DFM
(1912 - 2004)

Ace pilot with 25 Victories, the 2nd highest flying the Hurricane during World War II. After the Battle of Britain went on to fly in the Far East.

Air Commodore Alan Deere
DSO, OBE, DFC & Bar
(1917 - 1995)

Fighter pilot who flew over the beaches of Dunkirk and took part in the Battle of Britain, finishing World War II with 17 victories. Famous for his escapes including bailing out of a Spitfire to discover his parachute did not fully open, but surviving by landing in a cesspool.
**General James Harold “Jimmy” Doolittle (1896 - 1993)**

An early aviation pioneer, but best known for leading the Doolittle Raid on Japan, taking off from Aircraft Carriers in the Pacific, knowing that even if they were successful they would not have enough fuel to return.

**Marshal of the Royal Air Force Sir Arthur ‘Bomber’ Harris, 1st Baronet GCB, OBE, AFC (1892 - 1984)**

The sometimes controversial Commander in Chief of Bomber Command during the second half of World War II. Implemented Churchill’s policy of ‘Area Bombing’.

**Air Chief Marshal Sir Richard Edward Johns GCB, KCVO, CBE (1939 - )**

In the 1960’s he was a fighter pilot, in 1971 he taught the Prince of Wales to fly, in 1991 he planned the British involvement in the Gulf War. Between 2000 - 2007 he was Governor of Windsor Castle.

**Gerhard Barkhorn (1919 - 1983)**

The second highest scoring fighter ace with a total of 301 victories, but not before flying in both the Battle of France and Battle of Britain without hitting a plane.

**Air Vice Marshal James Edgar “Johnnie” Johnson CB, CBE, DSO & Two Bars, DFC & Bar (1915 - 2001)**

He was the greatest British Ace of World War II with 34 victories from 700 missions, even though he missed the Battle of Britain because he crashed during training in a Spitfire. He flew though out World War II and even saw action with the Americans during the Korean War in the 1950s.

**Colonel Maurice Buckmaster OBE (1902 - 1992) and Vera Atkins CBE (1908 - 2000)**

Col Buckmaster was the leader of the French Section of the Special Operations Executive during World War II and Vera Atkins was an intelligence officer with the section.
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Duncan Simpson OBE CEng FIMechE FRAeS

Former chief Test Pilot for Hawker who flew the Hawk, Hunter and Harrier

Billie Stephens (1911 - 1997)

Captured during the raid on St Nazaire after two escape attempts was sent to Colditz. Just six weeks later he escaped again making it to Switzerland.

Brigadier General Charles Elwood “Chuck” Yeager (1923 - )

Started pilot training during World War II and on the 14th October 1947 he became the first man to break the speed of sound, when the record was beaten and Mach 2 reach in 1953, he went on to beat this record too.

Odette Hallowes GC, MBE (1912 - 1995)

Worked with the French Resistance as part of the Special Operations Executive during World War II, still being the only woman to receive the George Cross while alive and in 2012 she featured on a stamp. Her role was made famous by the 1950 film Odette.

Alexander Henshaw MBE (1912 - 2007)

An early Air Racer he is best known as the Spitfire's greatest test pilot, legend has it that he flew around 10% of all Spitfires and Seafires ever built, which could be up to 20 planes a day.

Air Chief Marshal Sir Keith Park GCB, KBE, MC and Bar, DFC (1892 - 1975)

World War I Ace. During World War II he was the commander during the Battle of Britain and the Battle of Malta.